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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SWAPO STATEMENT TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE

1. PETER MUESHIHANGE, SWAPO SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS,
MADE COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA MAY 31 BEFORE OAU
LIBERATION COMMITTEE'S STANDING COMMITTEES CURRENTLY MEETING IN
DAR ES SALAAM.

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2. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS RAISED BY MUESHIHANGE ON
CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS:

- SWAPO HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS ON SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS,
POLICE, AND ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL DURING THE TRANSITION
PERIOD. SOUTH AFRICA MEANWHILE HAD LAUNCHED A BRUTAL RAID AT
KASSINGA, ANNEXED WALVIS BAY, AND WALKED OUT OF FEBRUARY 1978

TALKS IN NEW YORK.

-ALL BUT 1,500 SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM NAMIBIA BEFORE ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS. REMAINING TROOPS MUST BE BASED AT KARASBERG UNDER UN CONTROL.

-UN SHOULD PLAY DOMINANT ROLE DURING TRANSITION. IT MUST "SUPERVISE AND CONTROL," NOT "OBSERVE AND MONITOR." POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE CLEARLY DEFINED. "HE SHOULD SUPERVISE THE TRANSITIONAL PROCESS." UN PRESENCE SHOULD BE NOT LESS THAN 1,000 CIVILIAN AND 5,000 MILITARY.

-WALVIS BAY IS "PART AND A QUERCEL OF NAMIBIA." NAMIBIAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY MUST BE RESPECTED. "THEREFORE, THE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY IS NON-NEGOTIABLE."

3. FOLLOWING ARE OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY MUESHIHANGE:

-SOUTH AFRICA RAID ON KASSINGA WAS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL.

-SOUTH AFRICA AND "ITS WESTERN SUPPORTEES" ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO UNDERMINE THE ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA.

-VORSTER, FOR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC REASONS IS NOT PREPARED TO ABANDON NAMIBIA. "HIS LONG-RANGE PROBLEM IS HOW TO GET OUT, WHEN TO DO IT AND WHO TO LEAVE BEHIND IN CHARGE OF A NEO-COLONIAL, PUPPET REGIME THAT HE WISHES TO CREATE THERE."

-PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA ARE BEING BRUTALLY OPPRESSED. SEVERAL SWAPO MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED AND MURDERED, BUT THE POLICE HAVE DONE NOTHING. SWAPO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KAPUUBO'S DEATH, BUT HIS DEATH HAS BEEN USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR FURTHER MISERY, DEATH, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DESTRUCTION. "CLIMAX" OF "REGION OF TERROR" WAS "SO-CALLED" ADMINISTRATOR STEYN'S APRIL 18 DETENTION DECREE.

-STEYN IS "A PASSIONATE BELIEVER IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF WHITE SUPREMACY AND A DEFENDER OF APARTHEID COLONIALISM. HE IS DEFINITELY AN AGENT OF THE SYSTEM WHO IS IMPLEMENTING THE REPRESSIVE POLICIES AND LAWS IN NAMIBIA AS DIRECTED FROM PRETORIA. HE IS THEREFORE AN INTERESTED PARTY TO THE COLONIAL CONFLICT IN NAMIBIA. OF LATE HE HAS COME OUT IN HIS TRUE COLORS AGAINST THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS, ASPIRATIONS AND FUNDAMENTAL DEMANDS OF THE OPPRESSED NAMIBIAN PEOPLE FOR GENUINE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

-SOUTH AFRICA IS HEAVILY REINFORCING ITS MILITARY POSITION IN NAMIBIA.

4. FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT WILL BE FURNISHED TO USUN AND AF/W. WALKER

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